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ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Congratulations to
Johnathon Proctor
(Barbour Cottage) for
scoring the highest on
the BAR Exam with an
92%!

Secretary of State,
Natalie Tenant, will be
speaking at lunch

Your schedule for the
day can be found on
page 14 in your MBS
manual.

The College and Career
Fair will be held from
10:30 - 12:10 in the
Main Pavilion.

Nats @ 10:30 - 11:15

Feds @ 11:15 - 12:10

Primary Results!

Nationalist	Position	Federalist
Eric T.R. Finch	Governor	Ankur Kumar
Akshay Chandran	Secretary of State	Alex Reiser
Kodey Jones	Auditor	James "Jim" Park
Tre' Staples	Treasurer	"Swag Man" Dan Truong
Dylan Frazier	Commissioner of Agriculture	Joseph Oliverio
Zach "Attack" Abbott	Attorney General	Kennedy Roberts
Brook (Tripod) Misailidis	Supreme Court Justices	Aniket Zinzuwadia
Sam Oxley		Matthew (Tripod) Zlatkind
Jacob Smith		Remington Knight
Gearick (Tripod) Watt		Yashan Thakkar
Joshua Hill		Raymond (Batman) Rector



Party Platforms!

Nationalists

- Tax Changes
 - State Sales Tax – Increase from 6% to 7%
 - State Income Tax – Decrease from 7% to 5%
 - State Corporate Tax – Decrease from 6.5% to 5.5%
 - Creation of toll roads in North to offset decrease in taxes.
 - End Result: Increase in state revenue and number of large corporations in West Virginia.
- Charitable Organizations
 - All charitable organizations are to have the same tax status regardless of any religious affiliation.
- Environmental
 - Creation of a task force made up of a team of geologists, ecologists, and other relevant scientists to determine the long term environmental effects of hydraulic fracturing in West Virginia. Legislation to either impose stricter regulation of hydraulic fracturing or the less regulation of hydraulic fracturing would then be addressed based upon the findings of the researchers.
- Drinking Age
 - Proposal to lower the drinking age from 21 to 19.
 - Adulthood reached at 18
 - Generally people do not graduate from high school until after they have turned 18.
 - The drinking age of 19 is meant to prevent students from drinking in high school.
- Medical Archive
 - Proposal to create an integrated archive of medical records and history contained on a network available to all hospitals, pharmacies, and other practicing doctors to prevent redundant prescriptions that would enable abuse of prescriptions medicines.
- Drug Testing
 - There is to be random drug testing for those receiving benefits from government programs like welfare. If those receiving benefits test positive for any illegal drug will have their benefits removed immediately.
- Labor
 - Lower working age from 15 to 14.



Federalists

PREAMBLE: The Federalist Party of the 2013 Mountaineer's Boys State met and has formally established its party platform for 2013. The platform has five planks and is a common sense approach to making our new state efficient and successful.

A TRUE SEPERATION OF CHURCH AND STATE: The Federalist Party has decided that it is important to protect religious freedoms of all of the citizens in Mountaineer Boys State. By protecting our citizens' rights to practice their religion, we will allow for our citizens to have to have increased individualism. We must recognize the various religions in our state and separate governing from religious influence.

DRUG TESTING FOR GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE: The Federalist Party believes that our citizens must be held to high standards and expectations. Therefore, the party has adopted a plank that establishes drug testing for government assistance. It is fundamental that we have a government aid system that does not reward assistance to drug addicts. We must allow for government funds to be spent on people in our state who truly need assistance. We cannot stand by idly and watch as government funds go towards purchasing narcotics and drugs.

INCREASED GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY: The party has adopted a plank that establishes a government that is transparent and honest. We must exemplify that we have a transparent government system due to the fact that transparency is vital to sustaining a true democracy.

INCREASING EDUCATION SPENDING: Our party believes that education is a vital part of a successful state. It is necessary that we as a state increase our education funding to allow for better paid teachers, better schools, better technology, and a better all-around experience in education. Education is a powerful weapon that the Federalist Party will give to our citizens in order to change our state.

A RESPONSIBLE ECONOMIC REFORM PROGRAM: The party believes that it is necessary that our new state has a robust and vibrant economy. We propose economic reform programs that will accomplish this goal. Our party believes that we must lower the sales tax in order to help both the consumers and the business. We also believe it is essential to have a balanced budget in our new state, and the Federalist Party believes that by not balancing our budgets, we will be promoting irresponsible government which will harm the economic security of our state.

Majority Rules at the Nationalist Party Caucus

Following a sweep of nominations and votes, Trey Gilhan became the chairman for the Nationalist Party, giving way to a considerably easy series of debates and opinions concerning the planks, most of which would normally require more intense musing. Topics included anything from the legal drinking age and random drug screenings, to medicinal software updates and a sales tax raise.

After the planks were voted on, most of which passed, the candidates began voicing their speeches, which was both comical and concise. Had there been any undecided in the audience, they would surely have positions by then. It looks like the Federalists will have some competition after all.

Owen Bleigh, Marion Cottage

Federalist Argue Details at Caucus

This morning the two parties began their caucuses for the 2013 year. In the Federalist caucus, the first order of business was deciding the chairman. Citizen Blake Humphrey was chosen to be the chairman of leader of the caucus. The chairman worked his best and keeping order in the meeting and lead with enthusiasm. Some of the original planks of the Federalist platform were kept, while others were scraped or reformed. Passionate citizens stood up before their peers and debated on issues which they believed in. They showed great maturity and drive in their actions. Later, the Federalist candidates presented themselves for the primary elections and discussed their ideas and policies.

-Jake Wilkinson, Kanawha Cottage

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Here are the 13 reasons why the folds are important and what they mean:

1st fold symbolizes life

2nd fold symbolizes belief in eternal life

3rd fold honors and remembers veterans who have departed from our ranks

4th fold represents our weaker nature when we turn to God

5th fold represents tribute to our country

6th fold represents where our hearts lie in allegiance to the United States

7th fold signifies tribute to the armed forces

8th fold signifies tribute to one who entered the valley of shadow of death and to honor mothers

9th fold represents tribute to womanhood

10th fold exemplifies tribute to the father

11th fold represents lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon

12th fold represents the emblem of eternity and glorifies the Holy Trinity

13th fold completes the folded flag; stars remind of national motto (—In God We Trust!)

These thirteen folds mean a great deal to patriotism, not just to the flag itself. Once the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it represents the cocked hat, which is a reminder of the soldiers, past and present, who serve this great country.



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— Nicholas O'Donnell

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Calhoun Cottage: Travis Brown

Barbour Cottage: Michael Mitchell

Gilmer Cottage: Thomas Swiger

Braxton Cottage: Andrew Ashcraft

Kanawha Cottage: Matthew Parker

MBS 2013 National Guard

Barbour

Jason Mills

Braxton

Jonathan Hare

Calhoun

Joshua Rawson

Gilmer

Tanner Heckell

Harrison

Eric Socks

Kanawha

David Sullivan

Brenton Wyne

Lewis

River Hames

Josh Parrucci

Marion

Austin Mitchell

Monroe

Thomas Franks

Panhandle

Stephen Hott

Robert Perry

Brandon Tolley

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Upshur

Seth Clevenger

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Breakfast

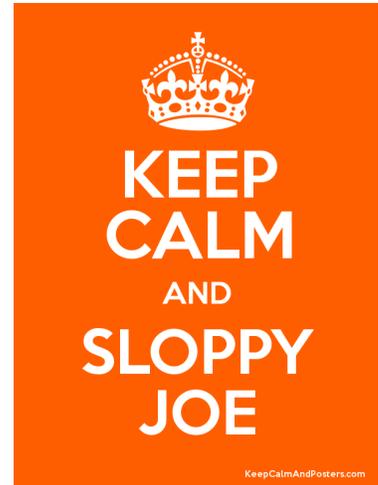
Biscuits
Sausage Gravy
Hot & Cold Cereal
Fruit – Bananas
Orange Juice
Milk

Lunch

Sloppy Joes
French Fries
Corn
Salad
Rice Crispy Treats
Milk

Dinner

Chicken Tenders
Mashed Potatoes
Gravy
Mixed Vegetables
Hot rolls
Salad
Ice Cream Sandwiches
Milk



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Post Card	\$.50
All of the Above	\$20.00

White Boys State Shirts \$4.00

4 Shirts for \$10.00!!!

Question of the day!

Parliamentary Procedure Class taught by Chris Sharps, MBS Staff

1. In parliamentary procedure, what type of motion is used to adjourn a meeting?
2. What are the two types of Debate Propositions?

Come to the newspaper office to answer the questions. The first five citizens to answer either question, will receive a free Boys State Frisbee, water bottle, license holder, lanyard, or white shirt.

First Impressions of Boys State

**Our Heritage, Our Ideals,
Our Codes And Standards –
The Things We Live By
And Teach Our Children,
Are Preserved Or Diminished
By How Freely
We Exchange
Ideas and Feelings

- Walt Disney**

- “It’s has been really interesting and nice to meet new people. I’ve enjoyed it so far.” – Johnathon Proctor – Federalist Party – Barbour Cottage
- “It’s busy and there are a lot of speeches. It’s pretty fun and I think it will get better later on.” - Micheal Mellott – Nationalist Party – Monroe Cottage
- “Yesterday was kind of dull but now that things are getting started it seems like everything is coming to a climax.” – Aaron Sine – Federalist Party – Monroe Cottage
- “It is very confusing and hectic but it’s still kind of fun.” - Emmitt Frankenberry – Nationalist Party – Harrison Cottage

Classes of 2013 Boys State

Monday, June 10, 2013 was the first full day of the 2013 Boys State. Early morning on Monday, all citizens of Boys State were required to attend classes on Parliamentary Procedure and leadership. Though some citizens were not entirely positive about having to attend the classes, the general feedback afterwards was quite positive.

The citizens were divided into their two parties and sent to separate buildings for these classes. Federalists were sent to the West Virginia Building and were the first to take the class on Parliamentary Procedure. Nationalists were sent to the Assembly Hall to hear the lessons on leadership first. Both parties were taught by the same speakers and were given the same lessons, but, as to be expected, there were varying opinions on the classes.

Parliamentary Procedure was taught by Mister Chris Sharps. Mister Sharps used a PowerPoint presentation to capture the attention of the citizens. His class was fast paced and covered a variety of information. He provided examples from Robert's Rules of Order as well as a quote from the ever famous Walt Disney. He presented and explained the various types of motions and actions taken within a meeting of a government council.

Leadership was taught by Mister Michael Belmear, a thirty year veteran in public speaking. Mister Belmear spoke from experience and used real life situations to back up his points. Belmear got the citizens involved and asked them what was needed to be a leader. He said that out of all the "ingredients" of being a leader, the most important was integrity. He also stated that he wanted the citizens to remember that: "They aren't better than anyone else and no one is better than them."

The Nationalist Party seemed to favor the leadership classes more than the Parliamentary Procedure class. They found that the stories he told

were extremely interesting. Many Nationalists believed the most appealing part of the Parliamentary Procedure class were the types of motions. When asked if the classes helped with their caucus afterwards, they said that they did not believe that they helped much.

The general opinion of Federalists was actually very similar to Nationalists in some ways and different in others. Like the Nationalists, the Federalists believed that, of the two, the leadership class was more interesting. They also agreed that the most appealing part of the leadership class were the stories that Mister Belmear told. Unlike the Nationalists though, Federalists thought the most exciting part of the Parliamentary Procedure class was the PowerPoint. Federalists found that the classes did help in their caucus.

Though opinions may vary on some of the topics, both parties can agree the classes were informative and interesting. All citizens are appreciative of the effort the speakers put forth to teach them. The citizens thank them for taking time out of their schedules to come to Boys State.

Jacob Wilkinson – Kanawha



Respects

Trey Westerfeld

Ran by Mr. & Mrs. Adkins, the General Head Quarters was a chaotic scene. Seemed as if there was a member from every county (cabin) in attendance trying to start their political careers. Future senators, mayors, and so many others were eager to announce their running, purchase campaign materials, and begin their campaign.

As I poured my cup of coffee, I sat down and observed the crowd. Males of both the Federalists and the Nationalists were all greeted by Mr. & Mrs. Adkins. They came in, were given instructions, and applications in mothering other than a compassionate, respectful manner. I wanted to know more. Who were these people, Mr. & Mrs. Adkins? Why were they doing this?

As the day went on, I passed by General Headquarters many times, and each of which there was a line outside the door. Curiosity growing, I began to ask questions. Turns out that the entire Boys State program is ran and operated by volunteers. This eliminated enticements of money in exchange for compassion and respect. What is the reason? – It has to be that they actually care. These people, complete strangers, not only Mr. & Mrs. Adkins, care about the citizens. Why else would they volunteer? These people want the best for us – the citizens.

So I ask you, the reader, what have you done for them? Have you thanked them for their participation, their leadership? Have you shown them your appreciation?

You only have now, you're only guaranteed today, so take these moments to show your respect.



NBA Finals Heating Up

After hard fought conference championship victories, the San Antonio Spurs and the Miami Heat have reached the NBA Finals. The Heat have reached the finals for the third consecutive year and are looking for their second straight title. Game one, which was played in Miami on Thursday, June 6, was won by the Spurs, 92-88, after a shot from point guard, Tony Parker, clinched the game. Game two, played on Sunday in Miami, was won by the Heat. Mario Chalmers led all scorers with 19 points. Action will continue on Tuesday night in San Antonio for game three.

Anthony Gemono- Braxton

Cottage News!

Panhandle Cottage Sweeps BAR

Foster Jenkins

The citizens of Panhandle Cottage met great success on the BAR examination yesterday, with a grand total eighteen boys passed this exam. As all citizens know, this puts them in an exclusive group of about a third of the camp and allows them to pursue a career as judges, attorneys, prosecutors, and qualifies them to run for the State Supreme Court of Appeals and attorney general.

Congratulations to the following boys of Panhandle Cottage:

Brookover, Zachary	Myers, Jacob	Earley, Andrew	Miller, Luke
Humphrey, Blake	Pfaff, Logan	Henson, John	Newman, Dominique
Koch, Hunter	Ramsey, Jacob	Jenkins, Foster	Von Dohlen, Thomas
Kraus, Taylor	Siva, Nanda	Leo, Aaron	
Kumar, Ankur	Church, Adam	Linger, Zachary	

Kanawha Cottage Report

Travis Kirtner

Our first morning of cleaning can be described in one word, hectic! To start off was getting up at the crack of dawn. I have learned well that I am not a morning person. Then, before I knew it, we had to get everything clean before the inspection. My job was to sweep the floor. Let me tell you it is hard to believe how much dirt can collect just after on night of boy's state. After I finished, my camp counselor came into the cabin to do a pre inspection. He then told me that the corners on my bed were wrong and I had to redo them. If it is one thing I know I will learn here it is how to keep my room clean. I am sure all the 400 other students attending would agree with me as well.

Cottage News!

Campaigning Mayhem in Marion Cottage

Justin C. Campbell

Many of the hopefuls for an elected position in the Marion Cottage have high aspirations for their rigorous week at Mountaineer Boys' State. All positions from County Sheriff to Supreme Court Justice are being campaigned for by Marion Cottage.

Nickolas Gallagher of Marion Gallagher has high hopes in becoming one of the five illustrious Supreme Court Justices.

"I look forward to getting one of the five Supreme Court Justice seats, I feel I am well qualified for the position and will serve the people well", said candidate Gallagher.

Some of the other members of Marion Cottage are looking towards a more local elective position in which to serve their fellow Marion members vigorously.

Cullen-Andrew Bennett, who is running for one of the five House of Delegates within Marion Cottage, is very enthusiastic in serving as a delegate for Marion.

"I'm really nervous for the results but I'm excited as well. I really want to become a delegate for Marion Cottage", said candidate Bennett.

Between some members in Marion Cottage there is a real sense of comradery, especially between Justin Richter and Nick Aragona who are both running for a spot either on the City Council or the County Board of Education.

Both members are helping one another reach the goal of becoming elected for either position and feel that working together will better their chances in succeeding towards that endeavor.

"I say it's better to have some help while running for an office, so I say why not?" said candidate Aragona.

So while you decide on who to vote for during all the various elections remember that Marion Cottage is working hard to win your vote and serve you the best they can if elected.

Lewis Cottage Report

Ben Ward

Today was the day we had our first inspection for our cabin. The counselors were Greek, Calib, Isaiah, and Julian. They made sure that we were all ready and set for this inspection. We all wanted to do very good to start off our week at Boys State. We all woke up at 6:00 am so we can make our beds, clean up the cottage, and get ready for the inspector.

We all went off to breakfast so they can inspect our cottage. The boys came back from breakfast and we wanted to know how we scored. The counselors said, "We did pretty good on the first day, but we did have little problems we needed to fix." We had a little problem with the beds and trying to keep them from wrinkling. That was our biggest problem of the day. The rest of the problems were little mistakes that we missed. The counselors said, "It's the first day so it will be hard to get use to this process, but we will get better at the end of the week."

Braxton County Enjoys Frisbee

Nicholas O'Donnell

After assembly Sunday night, eight men – primarily from Braxton County – decided to play a game of Frisbee outside the Braxton cottage. The Shirts team – composed of James Park, Davis Giles, Jonathan Haley and Alex Blevins – was victorious against the Skins team – composed of Alex Hennigan, Tyler Grimm, Dylan Slack and John Dukas. The score was 10-8.

“I thought it was an awesome game, even though my team lost,” said Tyler Grimm.

However the game of Frisbee was abruptly interrupted when Alex Blevins hit the light pole in front of the cottage. The light subsequently went out. Both of the teams decided after the light pole incident that they should stop playing.

Luckily Braxton County counselor Donte Newsom had the light turned on. In a witty quip, he declared “let there be light”, and there was light. The teams were amazed, but instead of playing football again, they went to the pool.

Even on the first night, Braxton County is learning about how to interact well in team settings, a skill that they will use for the rest of their lives. Sportsmanship was also a quality that those young men developed Sunday night. But most importantly, they learned not to hit light poles, or else they would face the wrath of their counselor's wit.



Athletic Events Kick Off

Monday kicked off the beginning of athletic events here at Mountaineer Boys State. Athletic events this week consist of hard court volleyball, sand court volleyball, ultimate Frisbee, softball, and basketball. Games are played between 3:45- 5:00 p.m. and in the evening. Each cottage athletic director has been given a complete schedule for their team. We encourage everyone to get involved and enjoy some friendly competition.

Anthony Gemondo- Braxton